

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Dr. Roberta K. Olson. Dr. Olson has dedicated the past 49 years to serving the needs of nursing education, South Dakota State University (SDSU), and South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, A trained and competent group of health care providers is crucial to the future, and Dr. Olson has dedicated her career to educating these health professionals; and,

Whereas, Dr. Olson has served as the Dean of Nursing at SDSU since 1994, and has expanded the college to include locations in Brookings, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Rapid City; and,

Whereas, Dr. Olson implemented the move to internet delivery for all courses in the Bachelor of Science curriculum for practicing registered nurses and also the curriculum for the Masters of Science in Nursing degree; and,

Whereas, Dr. Olson wrote the initial proposal that led to the development of the Ph.D. in nursing, the clinical nurse leader track, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice program; and,

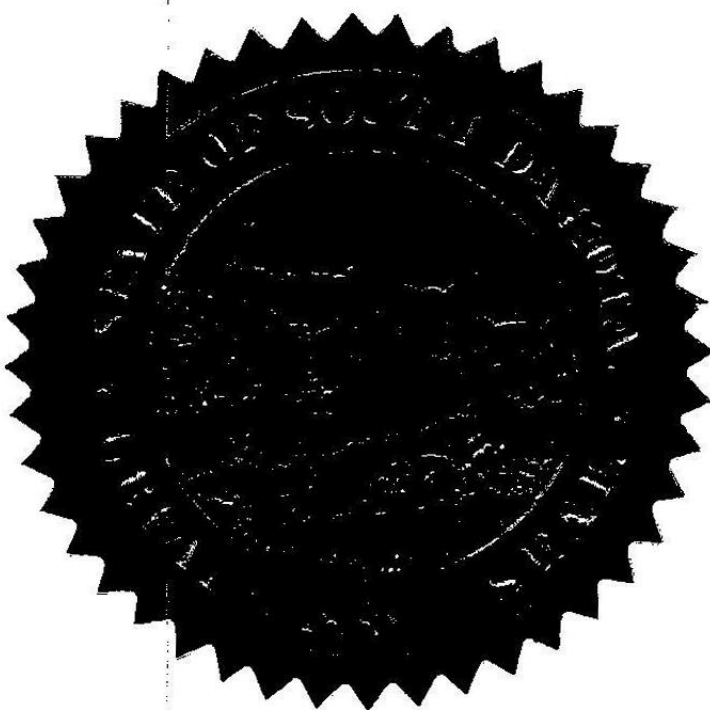
Whereas, Under Dr. Olson's direction, the nursing program has more than doubled, while continuing to maintain a national exam pass rate consistently higher than the national average even as the nursing profession, and its image has grown across the state; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 11, 2013, as

DR. ROBERTA K. OLSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Carr
Jason M. Carr, Secretary of State